

CLOZE EVALUATION QUESTIONS OUR CONSTITUTION: THE DOCUMENT THAT GAVE BIRTH TO A NATION

NAME _____

DIRECTIONS: Select the answer from the four choices given by circling the correct letter.

1. The original 13 colonies were united against England. The _ actually kept the colonies together. They were successful in winning independence from England.
 - (A) Revolutionary War
 - (B) Articles of Confederation
 - (C) Congress
 - (D) Commanding General
2. There was no real government in control of the new nation. When independence was won, the people saw a need for a _ central government. This would take place after a document, describing the parts of the government, called the Constitution, was written.
 - (A) weaker
 - (B) stronger
 - (C) three branch
 - (D) new
3. After the Revolutionary War, a new government had to be formed. In the summer of _ the Constitution was written. This document would be the foundation of our system of government.
 - (A) 1776
 - (B) 1783
 - (C) 1780
 - (D) 1787
4. The leaders of the new nation were chosen to write this Constitution. The person in charge was _. He was also regarded as first in war, first in peace, and first in the hearts of his countrymen.
 - (A) Alexander Hamilton
 - (B) James Madison
 - (C) Ben Franklin
 - (D) George Washington
5. These great men had a very important job to do. One person _ was known as the father of the Constitution for his notes and ideas that are part of this document.
 - (A) John Adams
 - (B) James Madison
 - (C) Ben Franklin
 - (D) George Washington
6. The Constitution had several important ideas in it. One was that our government is based upon majority rule, but has built-in protections for _. This is a very important feature.
 - (A) women
 - (B) the environment
 - (C) individual rights
 - (D) immigrants
7. The new government was divided into different parts. The central government is made up of _ separate, but equal branches of government. This protects any one branch from becoming too powerful.
 - (A) four
 - (B) three
 - (C) two
 - (D) five
8. The Constitution had to be approved by the people. The actual number of states required to ratify or approve it were _ out of thirteen states. The states did ratify the Constitution which governs us.
 - (A) seven
 - (B) six
 - (C) nine
 - (D) eight
9. An important feature of this great document is that it can be changed as times change. This — is the Constitution's main strength. The amendment process is one way to update or change the Constitution.
 - (A) flexibility
 - (B) language
 - (C) founding father
 - (D) historical base
10. A very important part of the Constitution deals with our rights. The first ten amendments to the Constitution are called the _. Other amendments have been added to it throughout the years.
 - (A) Articles of Confederation
 - (B) Principles of Government
 - (C) Federalist Papers
 - (D) Bill of Rights

